

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method as recited in claim 19, said wherein said comparing comprises:

identifying an address location for the website;

periodically crawling the address location for the website to determine an amount or degree of content change at the website as compared to the earlier stored version of the website, and

wherein said determining determines that another copyright registration with the U.S. Copyright Office is needed for the website when the amount or degree of content change exceeds a predetermined threshold.

7. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 6, wherein said method further comprises:

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providing a notification to a contact for the website when it is determined that another copyright registration is needed for the website.

8. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 7, wherein the notification is an email notification automatically sent to the contact when it is determined that another copyright registration is needed for the website.

9. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 8, wherein the email notification provides information on the amount of content change and a recommendation for another copyright registration.

10. (Original) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 9, wherein the email notification further provides an indication of where the content change occurs within the website.

11. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 19, wherein said method further comprises:

registering of the website with the U.S. Copyright Office when it is determined that the copyright registration update is needed for the website.

12. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 11, wherein said registering of the website is an on-line registration of the website via on-line submission with the U.S. Copyright Office.

13. (Cancelled).

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 19, wherein said method further comprises:

on-line registering of the website with the U.S. Copyright Office when it is determined that the copyright registration update is needed for the website.

17. (Original) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 16, wherein the on-line registration references the previous registration.

18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a computer-implemented method for determining whether a copyright registration update is needed, said method comprising:

comparing at least a portion of a website against a corresponding portion of an earlier stored version of the website that was previously subject to a copyright registration with the U.S. Copyright Office to produce a change indication; and

determining that the copyright registration update is needed for the website based on the change indication.

20. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 19, wherein said method further comprises:

providing a notification to a contact for the website when it is determined that the copyright registration update is needed for the website.

21. Cancelled.

22. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 20, wherein the notification is an electronic mail message.

23. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 22, wherein said method further comprises:

determining whether the copyright registration update is authorized to be performed; and

automatically performing an on-line copyright registration for the website when the copyright registration update is authorized.

24. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method for performing a copyright registration update, said method comprising:

(a) storing descriptive information on a prior version of a website that was previously subject to a prior copyright registration with the U.S. Copyright Office;

(b) storing prior registration information pertaining to the prior copyright registration of the website;

(c) comparing at least a portion of a current version of the website against at least a portion of the descriptive information on the prior version of the website that was previously subject to the prior copyright registration to produce a change indication; and

(d) determining that the copyright registration update is needed for the website based on the change indication;

(e) determining update registration information for a subsequent copyright registration for the website when said determining (d) determines that the copyright registration update is needed, the update registration information automatically being based at least in part on the prior registration information pertaining to the prior copyright registration of the website;

(f) initiating the subsequent copyright registration for the website with the U.S. Copyright Office; and

(g) storing the subsequent registration information pertaining to the subsequent copyright registration of the website.

25. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 24, wherein said method further comprises:

(h) determining whether the subsequent copyright registration is authorized to be performed; and

(i) automatically performing an on-line copyright registration submission with the U.S. Copyright Office for the website when the subsequent copyright registration is authorized.

26. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 24, wherein said method further comprises:

(h) determining whether the subsequent copyright registration is pre-authorized to be performed; and

(i) automatically performing an on-line copyright registration submission with the U.S. Copyright Office for the website when the subsequent copyright registration is pre-authorized, the pre-authorization being provided prior to determination by said determining (d) that the copyright registration update is needed.

27. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 24, wherein said method further comprises:

(h) providing a notification to a contact for the website when said determining (d) determines that the copyright registration update is needed for the website.

28. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 27, wherein the notification is an electronic mail message.

29. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 27, wherein the notification is an email notification automatically sent to the contact when it is determined that the copyright registration update is needed for the website.

30. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 29, wherein the email notification provides information on the amount of content change and a recommendation for another copyright registration.

31. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 30, wherein the email notification further provides an indication of where the content change occurs within the website.

32. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 24, wherein said method further comprises:

(h) determining whether the subsequent copyright registration is pre-authorized to be performed; and

(i) automatically performing the subsequent copyright registration when it is determined that the subsequent copyright registration is pre-authorized, the pre-authorization being provided prior to determination by said determining (d) that the copyright registration update is needed.

33. (Previously Presented) A computer implemented method as recited in claim 19, wherein said method further comprises:

determining whether the copyright registration update is pre-authorized to be performed; and

automatically performing a copyright registration for the website when it is determined that the copyright registration update is pre-authorized the pre-authorization being provided prior to determination by said determining whether the copyright registration update is needed.